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Meat By-Product Exports to Russia Continue to Grow

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Report Highlights:

Offal imports have been important for the Russian market as an inexpensive protein source for low-income customers during the transition period since 1998. In fact, offal imports grew by more than three times between 1999 and 2002. Shipments in 2003 are expected to exceed those of 2002, as offal trade is not limited by the meat import quotas introduced on April 1, 2003. Offal imports are also expected to compensate for short meat supplies, especially near the end of the year when importers are expected to exhaust their quotas.

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Russian offal imports have always been important for Russian consumers and processors as an inexpensive protein source for low-income customers. This was especially true during the transition period from the economic crisis of 1998. As the table below shows, imports of offal grew up by more than three times in the period between 1999 and 2002.

Table 1. Russian Imports of Offals, (MT)

Quantity		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 January-July
0206	0206 EDIBLE ANIMAL OFFAL	70,335	97,277	175,271	216,144	118,453
	020649 FROZEN SWINE OTHER	18,863	36,721	69,366	83,446	45,511
	020622 FROZEN BOVINE LIVER	31,705	35,685	68,790	92,196	49,176
	020641 FROZEN SWINE LIVER	9,212	14,802	23,603	26,861	17,668
	020629 FROZEN OTHER BOVINE	9,039	8,657	12,146	12,518	5,410

Source: Russian State Customs Committee

By product, the United States is the largest exporter of beef liver, covering more than 80 percent of total beef liver imports. Two other big exporters, namely Canada and Australia, lag far behind. Pork offal imports are more evenly distributed among Germany, Denmark, and France.

Table 2. Market Share (% of Quantity)

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 January-July
020649 FROZEN SWINE OTHER						
	1 Germany	16%	19%	25%	29%	23%
	2 Denmark	21%	25%	21%	22%	20%
	3 France	15%	17%	12%	14%	12%
020622 FROZEN BOVINE LIVER						
	1 United States	80%	73%	81%	85%	83%
	2 Australia	6%	6%	8%	6%	7%
	3 Canada	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%
020641 FROZEN SWINE LIVER						
	1 Denmark	49%	29%	38%	41%	32%
	2 France	15%	14%	10%	12%	11%
	3 Brazil	0%	0%	9%	16%	13%

Source: Russian State Customs Committee. .

Shipments in 2003 are expected to increase significantly over 2002 as offal trade is not limited by Russia's meat import quotas introduced beginning April 1, 2003. Short meat supplies will be compensated by increase of offal imports, especially at the end of the year when importers run out of quotas.